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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-45 without prejudice.

Please add claims 46-63 as follows:

--46. A method for reducing transmission of an infectious agent from a mammalian transplant recipient to a donor cell, said method comprising introducing a nucleic acid molecule into a cell such that, when said cell is transplanted into said mammalian transplant recipient thereby being said donor cell, transmission of said infectious agent from said mammalian transplant recipient to said donor cell is reduced.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a promoter operably linked to a nucleic acid segment encoding at least a portion of a receptor for said infectious agent.

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